

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - JULY 2025



Dear Parents/Carers, what an amazing final half term we have had to this academic year. There has been so much going on both in and out of the classroom and there have been some wonderful opportunities for our students, including trips, visits, work experience and much more! We have also hosted Year 5 students from 10 of our local primary schools for the curriculum mornings, and we have met the parents, carers and students of the class of 2030, who will be joining us in September.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS HALF TERM

SPORTS DAY 2025

On Monday 14th July, we held our annual sports day. Students competed in field events such as shot put, javelin and long jump in the morning and in the afternoon the entire school came out to watch the track events, including several staff races. A big well done to all the competitors, the competition between the houses was definitely fierce. We are proud to announce that Romero were crowned the overall winners.



THE CTK SPORTS AWARDS 2025

On Wednesday 2nd July, we hosted the annual Ctk Sports Awards. It was a pleasure to welcome Golden Belt English Champion, ISKA British Champion and Muay Thai athlete Jack Kennedy to present the trophies. Students enjoyed Dominos pizza and a dance after! Well done and thank you to everyone who has represented CTK or has attended extra-curricular clubs this academic year.

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

2025 marks the 60th anniversary of our school building being opened, formally known as St John Fisher Catholic High School. We celebrated with a Mass by the Bishop of Lancaster, Paul Swarbrick and special guests who have played key roles in shaping the school which we know today. After mass there were refreshments and a chance for our visitors to reminisce by looking at old photos of the school.



KEY DATES

Tuesday 2nd September - school opens for Year 7 and 11 at 10.30am.

Wednesday 3rd September - school opens for all years at 8.40am.

LUNCH PRICES SEPT' 2025

Hot meal deal - £2.90

Pasta meal deal - £2.70

Sandwich meal deal - £2.70

FOND FAREWELL

At the end of this year, we say a fond farewell to several members of staff, Mr Corless (Headteacher), Mrs Newton (ISU supervisor) and Mr Matthew (Teaching Assistant). We wish them good luck in their new ventures, thank them for all of their work and we hope they won't be strangers to Ctk!

ENRICHMENT DAY

Our final Enrichment Day of the year took place on the 1st of July. We were very blessed to have such an array of speakers from different backgrounds who shared their knowledge and enthusiasm with our students on the day! Year 7 completed a prayer pilgrimage reflecting on this jubilee year alongside fantastic talks about anti-social behaviour from Seth of Lancashire Police and the dangers of vaping from We Are With You, a local substance abuse charity. Year 8 took part in the "Real Game", an opportunity for them to reflect on their needs and wants, examine the cost of living and their career aspirations. Thank you to the Maths department for leading this activity.

Year 9 are very grateful to Tim McKenna from "Every Action has a Consequence" for speaking to them about the tragic death of his brother Adam, and Paul and Keith from Lancashire Fire and Rescue speaking about the actions and consequences of hoax calls and arson. Both these sessions were hard hitting but provided an important insight into poor decisions, violent behaviour and the impact these can have on society. Year 9 were also spoken to by Lisa from Compass Bloom, our mental health partner about the importance of looking after their mental health over the summer break. We also welcomed a new speaker, Galloways, to CtK. Adele, Lorraine and guide-dog Gigi delivered a fantastic session, giving students an opportunity to understand what it is like to live with a visual impairment through a range of games and activities. We were delighted that the coaching staff from Wigan Warriors were able to join us again this year and provide some outstanding rugby league training sessions to all students in KS3. There was a real buzz around the school and we are looking forward to our next Enrichment Day in October!



BE READY FOR SEPTEMBER!

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT



2 black pens

1 red pen

A ruler

A pencil

A planner



A scientific calculator



All of these items can be purchased from the school office.

UNIFORM

Please ensure you order your school uniform in plenty of time.

Students must have the following;

A blazer

A house tie (school office)

A CtK jumper (optional)

A white shirt

Black trousers/ CtK logo skirt

Black school shoes

Black knee length socks/ tights

A full CtK PE kit, including socks

A MESSAGE FROM MR. CORLESS

Dear Parents/Carers,

As your child's journey for this academic year draws to a close at CtK, I want to take a moment to thank you for the trust, support, and partnership you have shared with us throughout this year. It has been a blessing to walk alongside your family in nurturing not only academic growth, but also spiritual development rooted in faith, compassion, and community. Your child is a valued part of our school family, and their presence has left a lasting impression on our hearts. On a personal note, it has been a pleasure leading this school and pray that the values instilled here including love, kindness, integrity, and faith continue to guide them.

God bless,
Mr SN Corless

Summer Blessings

Loving God, thank you for the gifts of this school year - the friendships made, the lessons learned and the moments that have helped us grow in both faith and wisdom.

Bless our students, teachers, staff and families as we begin the summer break. Keep us safe, joyful and close to you. May this summer be a time of rest, adventure and grace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

